

Elk Rapids Township Regular Meeting Minutes, July 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Elk Rapids Township Board was held at the Elk Rapids Government Center located at 315 Bridge St., Elk Rapids. The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Amos at 9:00 am. The meeting was recorded to provide accuracy.

Present: Supervisor Dorance Amos, Clerk Shelley Boisvert, Treasurer Mike Weber, Trustee Richard Hults, and Trustee Matt Soper

Absent: 0

Also Present: B. Derman, Chief Williamson, and 4 members signed in as audience.

1. **Pledge of Allegiance**
2. **Public Comments:** L Prentice: Septic Mtg at Torch Lake Twp
J. Matthews: Introduction: New Village Manager
3. **Approval of Meeting Agenda: MOTION/S: Hults/Weber** to approve the agenda as presented. **MOTION APPROVED.**
4. **Consent Agenda:**
 - A. June 12, 2023 Meeting Minutes
 - B. Zoning Administrator's Report
 - C. Treasurers Report
 - D. Paying of the Bills: General Fund- \$39,379.23, Fire Fund - \$16,201.37

MOTION/S: Soper/Weber to approve all the items on the Consent Agenda. Roll Call Vote: Hults, Soper, Weber, Amos, and Boisvert all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
5. **County Commissioner:** B. Hefferan: The committee is set up to appoint a new Sheriff to take the position until the election in November 2024.
Sheriff: Report as submitted.
6. **Ambulance Department:** MMR – Report as submitted
7. **Fire Department:** Chief Williamson: Report as presented. Williamson talked about the July 4th activities and the opportunity to see the State Police Command Post at the site. Williamson also mentioned that the truck committee is still working on obtaining a new truck.
8. **Antrim County 2023 Tax Rate Millage Request Report: L4029:** Weber stated that he confirmed that the approved township budgets were within the range of the millages for 2023. **MOTION/S: Soper/Weber** to approve the L-4029 Tax Request Form to go to the County Treasurer. Roll Call Vote: Soper, Weber, Amos, Boisvert and Hults all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**
9. **Township Sewer:**
 - Sewer O/M Bills: Performance Engineering: Invoice #13350 in the amount of \$422.50 and Varnum Law: Invoice #1304551 in the amount of \$136.00: Sewer Construction Bill: W. Derman June 2023 in the amount of \$1,487.50. **MOTION/S: Boisvert/Weber** to approve bills listed above. Roll Call Vote: Weber, Amos, Boisvert, Hults and Soper all voting Yes, 0 No **MOTION APPROVED.**

10. **Township Zoning and Planning Commission Appointments:** Supervisor Amos recommends the following people to continue in their position on the Zoning Board and Planning Commission:
- Emile Sabty: Planning Commission – term through August 2026: **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** approve the recommendation for Sabty for Planning Commission: **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - Vince Cooper: Zoning Board - term through August 2026: **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** approve the recommendation for Cooper for the Zoning Board: **MOTION APPROVED.**
 - Julia Pollister Amos: Zoning Board - term through August 2026: **MOTION/S: Hults/Soper** approve the recommendation for J. Pollister Amos for the Zoning Board. Supervisor Amos will abstain from this vote: **MOTION APPROVED.**
11. **Attorney's Report:** as reported:
Derman stated in his report that the deadline for connecting to the Cairn Hwy Sewer before the benefit charge of \$4,000 starts up is June 30, 2024. It was advertised on November 24, 2022 that the sewer was completed and ready for connection and that beginning January 1, 2023 properties have 18 months to make their connection.
12. **Township Board Announcements and Correspondence:**
- Hults: The three windows for HERTHA have been produced and should be put in place soon.
 - District Library: Working on a contract for due diligence to secure the old Traverse Manufacturing building .
 - The Antrim County Road Commission will begin work soon on S. Bayshore Drive.
 - Village Updates: L. Shumate: J. Matthews talked about the following:
 - Kevin Lane, DPW Supervisor will retire as of July 31st. On going discussions with DPW staff regarding unionizing.
 - Private offer to redo the decking for the white bridge between River Street and the library with pvc planking.

Adjourned: 9:56 am

Shelley Boisvert, Elk Rapids Township Clerk, 231-264-9333
Meeting minutes are subject to approval at the next regular Board Meeting